

## **ABSTRACT**

The invention relates to a process module for a processing station (18) for performing a predetermined function. The module comprises a controller (60) associated with a program control unit (76; 76') to which a program for controlling the process module is supplied. The process module is characterised in that the controller (60) comprises a program data administrator unit (74) which co-ordinates the transfer of the program associated with the process module (30) out of a program data memory (72, 72', 72'') into the program control unit (76, 76'). The invention also relates to a processing station with at least one such process module (30) for performing a predetermined function, as well as a method for starting up such a processing station.

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